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Safety (Bear) first

The RCMP Safety Bear checked out the territory, leading the way down Elk Point's Canada Day parade route for 15 marching members and a police dog and handler, with a half-hour parade of floats and other entries following them through the sun-drenched streets. More Canada Day photos, Page 5.

All-day fun on July 1

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Canada Day 2010 in Elk Point saw huge crowds enjoying pancakes fresh off the griddles at the chamber of commerce breakfast, before lining the sidewalks for the longest parade in recent history. A display of Armed Forces equipment, two stage shows, children's activities, the sixth annual Strength Challenge, the Farm Survival Challenge and the third annual Canada Day Idol competition made it a day filled with fun for all ages, all topped off with a superb fireworks display.

A cavalcade of youngsters on decorated bicycles, 15 scarlet-coated RCMP marchers plus others in police vehicles, furry mascots and a search dog with its handler, and Vermilion's Lakeland Pipe Band led the way for the parade.

Parade judging winners were: Adult Clubs and Organizations – 1. Red Hatters, 2. Elk Point Heritage Lodge, 3. Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary; Children's Clubs and Organizations – 1. Christian Community Church; Business – 1. CNRL, 2. The Klatt Ranch, 3. Empress Family Restaurant; Antique Vehicles – 1. Pete Dulaba (1946 Ford 2-ton), 2. Paulette Mudryk (1960 T-bird), 3. Henry Amyotte (1951 International pickup); Individual Freestyle – 1. Gator Gates (mud bogging trucks), 2. Fort George and Buckingham House, 3. Christoph Ludlage (race car); Horses and Riders – 1. Stoney Lake Stampede, 2. Russ Family, 3. Otto Siemers.

Following the parade, interest centered on the display of three military vehicles, ranging from a Korean War-vintage Ferret Scout car to a heavy logistics wheeled vehicle used as a wrecker or recovery vehicle and a commercial car carrier, with military personnel on hand to meet with the public and explain the uses of the equipment.

Brownie leader Pam Kowalchuk Brownies Ashley Kowalchuk and Kolbie Poitras, Legion members Mae Hendrickson and Del Smith and newly-arrived RCMP officer Pedro Rodrigues were on hand for the flag raising ceremony and singing of O Canada. Pastor Jim MacLellan gave the invocation and Canada Day committee chair Bernice Capjack offered a warm welcome.

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Lorraine Quinney tops Diamond Drillbit tourney

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Lorraine Quinney topped the first flight of the Second Annual Diamond Drillbit Ladies' Golf Tournament on Saturday, after a full day of fun and good sport for seven flights of golfers.

Dennell Anderson placed second in the flight, with Sue DeSilva placing third.

The names of all golfers went into the draw for the coveted diamond drillbit necklace, adorned with two diamonds this year for the second annual event. Lisa Fortin, who also picked up the fourth flight win, went home with the necklace, while Lorraine Quinney won the second grand prize of diamond earrings and Brianne Greening, won a $150 gift certificate from Pure Elements.

A vast array of door prizes also went to golfers and guests, following the steak barbecue.

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Flight winners, left to right: first, Lorraine Quinney; second, Emily Johnson; third, Brenda Poitras: fourth, Lisa Fortin: fifth, Megan Lehr: sixth, Sue Cleland; seventh, Eleasha Lehr; with organizers (front, left to right) Wanda Cochrane, Susan MacKinnon and Shaina Gadowski.

All-day fun in Elk Point on July 1

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MLA Ray Danyluk came forward, noting, "I don't think we could have a better day to celebrate Canada Day, This is an incredible community, and Premier Stelmach was so, so impressed with how things came together here."

He gave special congratulations to the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, named Alberta's Chamber of the Year for the 0 - 100 category, and said, "You need to be proud of the work you are doing," as he presented chamber treasurer Geoff Hyslop with a certificate from the government congratulating the chamber on the award.

Danyluk presented Mayor Parrish Tung and recreation director Valerie Lazicki with a $76,222 grant toward the water spray park project. Tung thanked him for "looking after our town."

"Today is especially exciting," Lazicki added, "Now I can get my little shovel out and get busy" on the spray park

Entertainment began with seven-year-old Highland dancer Emily Kotowich, a second-generation Canada Day performer whose mother, then Shelly Goad, performed highland dances in the earlier years of the annual celebration.

Vocalists Olivia Rose Leaf, Debra McQuinn, Brooke Gormley, Wendy Daniels-Cox and Kerry Anderson, hip-hop dancers Hannah and Madeline Ludlage and the Frog Lake Star Hoop Dancers also entertained at the show on the Alberta Centennial Stage, while downtown, the first-ever Canada Day Sound Dragons stage show was a big hit, with music by Mason Smith and his band, Angel Down, Corbin Poitras and Six Ways to Saturday, and Josh Boyko and Mockteerah.

The A G. Ross Arena was filled to near capacity for the sixth annual **Bear Den Strength Challenge,** with 15 contestants showing their prowess in five events.

Winners were: Truck Pull – 1. Jeff Mohar (20.34 seconds), 2. Curtis Poulin (20.50), 3. Jason Bowtell (21.65); Side Hold – 1. Jason Bowtell (39.03 sec), 2. Jeff Mohar (37.03), 3. Kris Bjorkquist (36.18); Log Lift – 1. Jeff Mohar (230 lb.), 2. Kris Bjorkquist (220), 3. Curtis Poulin (210); Conan's Wheel – 1. Curtis Poulin, 2. Ryan Bice, 3. Jason Bowtell; Medley – 1. Curtis Poulin (1:29.00), Steven M. (1:49.59), 3. Jason Bowtell (1:55.52). Overall winner of $1,000 for the second time was Jeff Mohar of Bonnyville with 68 championship points, Curtis Poulin just one point back with 67 for $500 and Jason Bowtell of Vermilions third with 66 points, winning $250.

A full slate of 12 teams took part in the **Farm Survival Challenge**, maneuvering a small tractor around pylons, flipping through a suspended tire tube, clambering over a bale, fastening together fence panels, making a figure eight with a ball between them, tossing water balloons and carrying containers of water on their heads and they stepped carefully across a rocking plank. The mother-daughter duo of Jean and Vanessa Ockerman successfully completed the tasks to win the coveted rubber boot trophy in a time of 2:56. The youngest team in the group, James Lajimodiere and Ashley Bristow came in second with 3:10, while Korey and Rhonda Reid were third with 3:15. Gina Ginez and Ronald Layno won the booby prize with 4:08.

Seven junior acts and 10 aged 15 and over vied for the 2010 **Canada Day Idol** honours, with a good crowd flocking to the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre for the two-hour show. Madison McGrath of Bonnyville, who sang Taylor Swift's 'Untouchable', placed first in the junior category, and went on to place second overall. Second in the junior group, which also included local competitors Olivia Rose Leaf, "The Wicked Wizard," "The Spanish Twins" and Brooke Gormley, along with Bonnyville vocalist Allison Ference, was Danielle Morin of Lloydminster, who sang Sarah McLaughlin's 'Uphill Battle'.

Angel Down lead singer Mason Smith won the coveted title of 2010 Canada Day Idol, with his rendition of Matchbox 20's 'Push'. Amanda Marcoux placed third with an original song, 'All the Things'. Patrick Daniel and Randelle Spanier of Bonnyville, Joy Lambright of Kelowna, Hollie Workentin, Ian Brosseau and Caitlin Tazzer of St. Paul, Myron Cotton of Glendon, Brianne Greening of Elk Point and Shaun Anderson of Fishing Lake also competed in the 15-and-over group.

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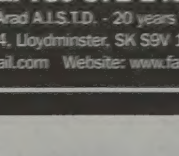

Multiple charges laid in drug seizure

By Cst. John Spaans
Elk Point RCMP

On June 27, a joint operation between the Elk Point and Bonnyville RCMP resulted in the seizure of various types of drugs. A judicially authorized search warrant was granted for a residence 20 km north of Elk Point after information was received that the occupants of the residence were trafficking drugs. When members searched the property, cocaine, crack cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, marihuana and prescription medications were located. Along with the drugs, a firearm and Canadian currency were seized.

Two males who were in the house at the time have been charged with possession of controlled substances for the purpose of trafficking. Leslie Hillebrand, 32, of Elk Point and Daniel Gamache, 20, of Bonnyville were slated to face these charges in Bonnyville Provincial Court on June 29. Gamache was also found to be on an outstanding warrant for trafficking marihuana in Jasper, AB in January 2010.

Cruelty to animal complaint

During the afternoon of June 24, Elk Point RCMP received a complaint of a vehicle driving on the highway at a slow rate of speed with a dog being dragged alongside. The subject of the complaint was known to police and attended the Elk Point Detachment to provide an account of events. Investigation found that the animal was not injured in any way and had been causing problems after it got loose during a severe thunderstorm. In conjunction with the SPCA and the owner of the dog, it was determined tat charges were not substantiated in this occurrence.

One house, three calls

During the week of June 17 to 30, RCMP were contacted by occupants of a residence in Frog Lake on three separate occasions. Each time, adult brothers living in the house were drinking, arguing and fighting. Members attended the residence each time and separated the parties. On two of the three occasions, individuals were taken into custody to prevent continuation but kept at their behaviour after being released. Members continue to monitor the situation.

Break and enters

RCMP received two reports of cabins being broken into at Laurier Lake during the week. On one occasion, the suspects forced their way into the residence, slept inside and stole household items. RCMP continue to investigate these break-ins and seek the assistance of the general public.

Early in the morning of June 25, Elk Point RCMP were called to a residence in Frog Lake, where a female had broken in and started yelling at the occupants. When members attended, the female was found to be grossly intoxicated. She was placed under arrest and returned to RCMP cells. The female has been charged with break and enter and failing to comply with conditions of recognizance.

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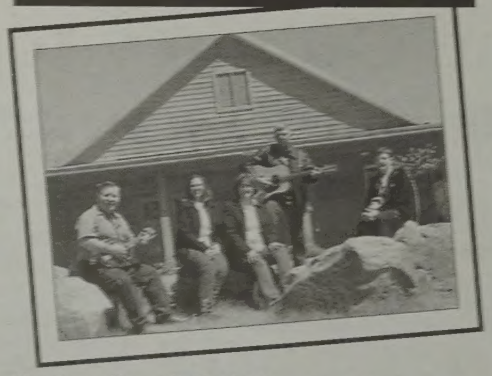

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Stampede fun at Stoney Lake

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

It would take much more than a brief shower on the grand entry to dampen the excitement at the Stoney Lake Stampede, and by the time the final drops had fallen Sunday afternoon, four teams of junior wild horse racers were hard at work, entertaining the somewhat damp crowd.

The shower had moved off by the time the bareback bronc riding got underway, with Brandon Stewart of High Level marking a 71 on Les Trach's feisty T8 to move Saturday's leader, KC Peterson, down to second place.

Sunday was also the successful day for tie down ropers, with Curtis Butterfield of Ponoka shaving three-tenths of a second off the top Saturday time with a 7.9 for a win, with Jim Gunsch of Thorsby right behind with a 8.0.

Jake Stemo's Saturday score of 79 held fast to the Junior Bull Riding win, Lane Hehr of Fort Saskatchewan coming closest on Sunday with a 75 aboard Ocean Motion.

The best was saved for last in the steer wrestling, where final competitor Rudy Nieborg of Rimbey clocked in at 4.8 seconds, dashing the hopes of Matthew Mailer of Botha, with a 5.0 earlier in the round, both men faster than Cam Gleason's benchmark time of 5.2.

Novice Horse saddle bronc riders Layton Green of Meeting Creek, on Little Pheasant, and Zeke Thornton of Big Valley on Pretty Bid, turned in a pair of 71s to split top berth in that event.

Claude Chaussé, with his well-trained pair of black horses and his two border collies, royally entertained the audience with his horsemanship and trick roping exploits during the intermission, before a huge crowd of 10-and-under youngsters tore after a herd of fast-moving calves in the calf scramble. Then the best-dressed youngsters six and under took centre stage for the costume judging, with Ashley Gunsch and Tyler Gorgichuk taking home the Cliff Swedgan Memorial trophies.

Kale McKenzie marked a 71 on Black Beauty to win the Saddle Bronc, with Reed Sparks of Innisfail second with a 70 on Wee Willie in the Sunday performance, moving Saturday leader Clint Cox, with a 67, further back from the pay window.

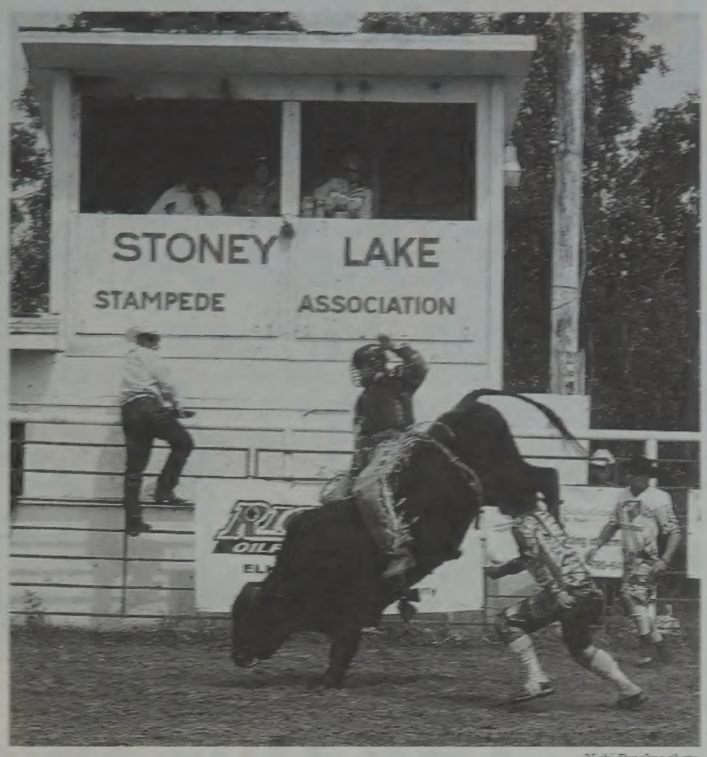
Sunday afternoon's barrel racers did their best, but could not match Wacey Hollingsworth's 15.593 run in the ladies' division slack. Marlee Branden of Barrhead clocked Sunday's best junior barrels time with a 16.172, while Charlee Willoughby of Camrose had the best peewee barrels time with an 18.252.

The slack also provided the best time in the team roping, with Tell Flewelling and Riley Warren getting the job done in a rapid 4.6 seconds.

Stoney Lake's famous Wild Steer Stoneboat Race once again provided ample entertainment for the crowd, as a good number of teams did their best to rope and saddle a wily longhorn and get the critter to pull a competitor on a plywood sled, while a teammate took a few jumps aboard the animal.

The bulls were the clear winners in Sunday's bull riding, with only three qualified rides, none of them equaling Dallas Turner's impressive 85 score on Walking Tall in the Saturday performance.

The 48th annual Stoney Lake Stampede boasted the largest lineup of competitors in many years, with brand new bleachers, a mini trade show, pancake breakfast and dance adding up to a very successful weekend.



Vicki Brooker photo

Second generation bullrider Lane Hehr of Fort Saskatchewan keeps family tradition alive with a 75-point ride in the Junior Bull Riding at Sunday's Stoney Lake Stampede.

Diamond Drillbit

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Second and third prize winners from flights two through seven were: Flight Two – 2. Myrna Moroziuk, 3. Dana Gladue; Flight Three – 2. Tanya Fontaine, 3. Cynthia Pawliuk; Flight Four – 2. Susan MacKinnon, 3. Jolene Quinney; Flight Five – 2. Coralie Pavoll, 3. Carol Lee; Flight Six – 2. Michelle Zarowny, 3. Stacey Fontaine; Flight Seven – 2. Melanie Ostapovich, 3. Carmen Gerlinsky.

The Diamond Drillbit organizers also presented a $500 donation to Stacey Fontaine to help defray expenses in her son's fight against leukemia.

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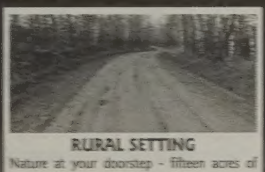

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PRIVATE LOCATION
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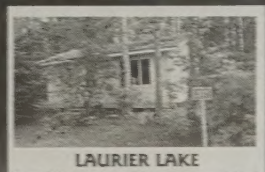
MLS 0033860214 **$69,900**

WELL KEPT
This three bedroom home has 1257 sq ft of living space. The home includes a large kitchen/dining area with ample cupboard space and a large living room. All of the upgrades that are needed have been completed. The yard is landscaped with flower gardens, a drive through driveway and mature trees.
MLS 0021108964 **$129,900**



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CUSTOM HOME
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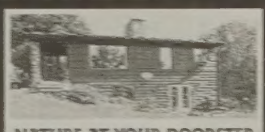

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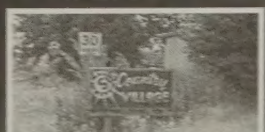

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Editorial

Playing catch-up

If you've been waiting to see the news about the Backroads and Beaver Hats event at Fort George and Buckingham House, or the annual picnic at Ferguson Flats, please be patient. We're currently suffering a case of severe news overload, and we're doing our best to get everything into an upcoming issue.

We also have plans to run more photos from the 100-plus we snapped on Canada Day - so many beautiful parade entries, so many great events, so much going on that it was impossible to stop taking pictures. They may be a tiny bit late hitting our pages, but we just can't help sharing all these great shots with our readers.

Watch for all this, and more in upcoming issues, for good summer reading.

And while you wait... get out and enjoy summer to the fullest. Holiday time is here, so have a safe and happy season.

Way Back When...

Canada Day, coaches, castle

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of July 6 in...

1985

Forty years of students came back for the Clandonald School reunion. Canada Day in Elk Point featured slow walkers, fast marchers, rows of runners and rows of riders, showoffs, showmanship and sawmanship, signers, singers and support for Scouting, pancakes, pie and birthday cake, along with the Ukrainian Veselka Dancers, singers 'en français' and our own school band.

1990

Elk Point's girls, coached by Daphne Schnurer and Linda Ference, won the Lakeland Bantam Girls baseball league championship, with the Mosquito Lions, coached by Pat Vincent and Craig Stone winning their league, the Mite Boys No. 2, coached by Wayne Hymanyk and Sheldon Fraser winning the B side and Mite Boys No. 1, coached by Doug Bassett, second in the A side of their league championship, Ron Croteau's Mite Girls and Coral Tremblay's Peewee Girls also runners-up in their leagues after a tremendously successful season.

1995

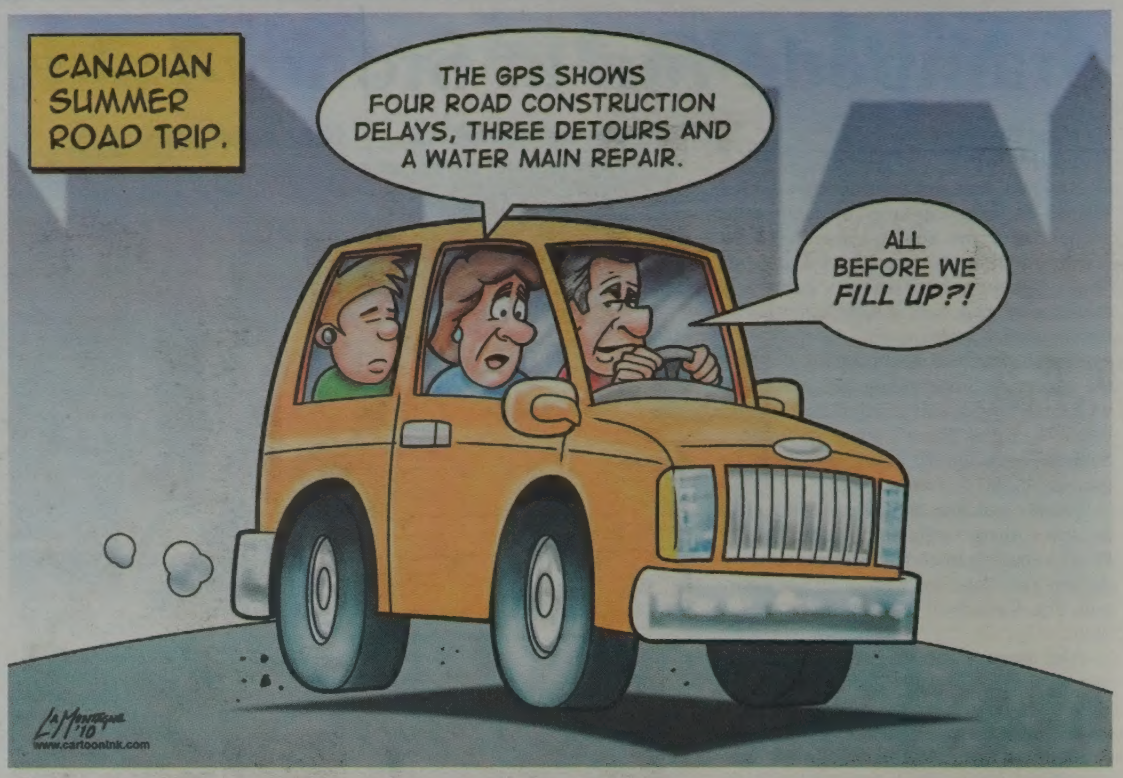
The Elk Point and District Lions truck and tractor pull was quite literally a roaring success on the Canada Day weekend, attracting large crowds on both July 1 and 2. Rising stars Travis Pankiw, Daleen Gunderson and Angie Durocher were among the Canada Day stage show entertainers, while Crackers the Clown entertained the youngsters with her speedily created balloon animals.

2000

The F. G. Miller Crusader Classs of 2000 comes to the end of a chapter, with Sportshound Doug Bassett turning from his usual topics to "Remember when..." Brittany Buryn won the Junior Reporter award from Alberta Weekly Newspapers Write On competition,

2005

There was thunder without and moonlit magic within F. G. Miller High School's castle as the ladies and knights of the Class of 2005 celebrated the end of their high school years, Hannah Ludlage, Graeson Rogers, Alexis Bristow, Beaudon Rogers, Shae Rinas, Russel Ference, Erin Labrie, Jodi Kalynchuk Trever Ballas, Taylor Cochrane, Kelsey Lindquist, Brandon Rainey, Alyssa Harms, Seanna Joye Leaf, Greggory Babcock and Tori Becker went home with the Grace Franks Awards from Elk Point Elementary School's awards day.



Guest Column

The Queen's visit

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh began a whirlwind tour on June 28th, taking them to Halifax, Winnipeg and Toronto, with numerous stops in between. The nine-day Royal Tour took the couple halfway across the country, stopping everywhere from Parliament Hill to a film production studio. The most high-profile event was the mid-day Canada Day festivities on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Canada's July 1st holiday was one she has attended five times in the past, the first as early as 1959 and most recently in 1992, according to Garry Toffoli, executive director of the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust. But, Toffoli adds, part of their trip was also dedicated to bringing the achievements of smaller communities or groups to the attention of the wider Canadian community." The tour saw the Queen unveil a statue of jazz great Oscar Peterson at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, visiting the Canadian Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg, exploring a film studio in Toronto and touring RIMS's facilities in Waterloo, Ontario. Toffoli described the tour as designed to "demonstrate and celebrate the fact that Canada is her home and that she wishes to be part of Canadian life in its varied form as Sovereign of the country." Her diamond Jubilee, which marks 60 years on the throne, as well as the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, will both arrive in 2012.

The Queens visit started in Halifax on June 28 and 29. She inspected troops, nibbled lunch with Defense Minister Peter MacKay and conducted a review of 21 naval ships at anchor in Bedford Basin before unveiling a plaque commemorating the 100th anniversary of the navy. Then on June 30th she went to Ottawa when she visited the refurbished Museum of Nature and unveiled the Oscar Peterson statue in front of the National Arts Centre. On July 1st, along with husband Prince Philip, she took centre stage at Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill marking the country's 143rd birthday. Later that day, the monarch toured the Pinewood Studios, the country's largest film production facility. The busy tour schedule for Queen Elizabeth continued with one last queenly wave today – July 6th. She departs from Queen's Park with military honours and flys to New York for a speech to the UN General assembly – her first appearance at the United Nations since 1957.

deanna **EASTHOPE**

from the FCSS desk

Realizing that the Queen's visit was in eastern and central Canada, and noting she wasn't able to come to western Canada on this tour, it was still nice to learn of places she visited in the other parts of Canada. Because of the visit, the 100th anniversary of the navy was noted. Congratulations go out to our navy servicemen.

The unveiling of the Oscar Peterson statue outside the National Arts Centre in Ottawa on June 30th as part of Canada Day celebrations is also something to be noted. "Oscar Peterson is a quintessential Canadian success story," the prime minister said in a press release. "He came from humble roots to become a legendary performer who inspired countless artists all over the world." Peterson, who grew up in Montreal, died in December 2007 at age 82 after a 65-year career as a piano virtuoso, recording artist and composer. He had more than 200 recordings to his name. For the last half of his life, Peterson lived in Mississauga, Ontario. Oscar Peterson's statue was created by Canadian sculptor Ruth Abernethy and it depicts Peterson seated on a bench beside a grand piano. The location of this statute is at the National arts Centre (NAC) is an amazing facility that is situated right in the heart of downtown Ottawa. The NAC is located at 53 Elgin Street beside the beautiful Rideau Canal. The NAC features hundreds of Canadian and International artists throughout the year who perform in dance, English theatre, French theatre, musical shows and much more. Congratulations also go out to our Canadian artists. Art is really expressions of the heart. It is nice to learn that there is more to Ottawa than Federal politics. Art is important. Congratulations Ottawa.

The nine day tour of Queen Elizabeth was incredible. She's 84 years old and the commitments she kept on this trip was quite extraordinary. The places she visited helps us to appreciate the vastness of our country, our history, our accomplishments, and our Canadian people. Thank you Queen Elizabeth for coming to Canada.

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Vicki Brooker photos

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Sox host provincial round robin

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

The last two times the Sox met the Bonnyville Braves, the Braves seemed to have the Sox' number, but not so this past Saturday at 9 a.m. when the Sox hosted a provincial round robin. Pitching for the Sox was Dylan "Scratchy" Berg, and he was up and ready for the task, in fact he finished the complete game, throwing just under the maximum 100 pitches, holding the Braves to only one run, on two hits, striking out nine. Tied 0-0 for five innings, the Sox would get on the board when birthday boy, brother Dustin "Itchy" Berg hit a single, driving in a run, the Sox adding a couple more in the sixth on a single by Brett "Bert" Romanovich and in the seventh, on a double by Evan "Ernie" Joly, the final 5 to 1 for the Sox.

The second game of the day for the Sox at 6 p.m. was against Red Deer; the Sox bats were quiet for the first four innings, trailing at this point 4 to 1. Evan "Ernie" Joly was on the hill for the Sox, going six and a third innings before the max, "Smoken Joel" Campbell coming in on relief, the score is now 4 to 3 after a deep triple to left field by Chad Brears brought in two runs. Bottom of the seventh, Tanner Corbeil gets on with a single, stealing second, Brears brings him home to tie the game, two out, Brears on first, Evan Joly at the plate, pounding one to deep left, Brears around the bases, crossing the plate, the Sox win! I call this one, seventh inning heaven for Evan.

Sunday at the Sox and Rocky Mountain House, Chad Brears on the mound, the Sox with the lead in this one, 6 to 3 after three, but the Sox defense that had only committed one error all weekend to this point, would start to play some bobble ball. Down by two runs in the top of the seventh, but still in the game, a single by Dustin Berg, a single by Evan Joly, the Sox would tie it up on a nice double by Jordyn "Tiger" Wozniak, sending this one to extra innings. Can the boys repeat the night before and pull this one out? No sir, the lucky bounces from the night before would go Rocky this time, the Sox losing this one in the bottom of the eighth. Two wins out of three are not too bad for the boys, still, just a note; this was the third time this year the Sox lost in extra innings. Not a trend that we really want to see continue. This coming weekend the Sox travel to Vegreville on Saturday and Edmonton on Sunday.

Aaron Tremblay reports "very exciting baseball to watch." from the Mosquitoes. On Saturday, Elk Point lost 13 – 19 to Kikino, then defeated Fort McMurray 19-16. On Sunday, they suffered a second loss to Kikino, 17-1. "The boys played great all weekend, lots of great pitching and great hitting as well.

"The most exciting moment came in Game 2 when, with the bases loaded, Peter Horse got a hit all the way to the left-centre fence. He got all the runners in and even came in himself for the grand-slam! The crowd went nuts and the whole team poured onto the field to celebrate and meet him as he went into the dugout! This play brought us to within one run and gave us the momentum to rally back and get the win. Peter also pitched magnificently the last two innings of the game, with only one run against and more than a few strikeouts."

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Vicki Brooker photos

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